

the Treasury; and William A. Reinsch, National Foreign Trade Council, Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 380, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Management, and Linda M. Springer, of Pennsylvania, to be Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget.

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*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Ross Owen Swimmer, of Oklahoma, to be Special Trustee, Office of Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior.

### 2004 BUDGET: INDIAN PROGRAMS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for Indian programs, after receiving testimony from Charles Louis

Kincannon, Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Aurene Martin, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; William Russell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for Public and Indian Housing; Victoria Vasques, Director of the Office of Indian Education, Department of Education; and Charles W. Grim, Interim Director, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services.

### ASBESTOS LITIGATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded hearings to examine the asbestos litigation crisis, and its economic issues including the costs of settlements and judgments, possible reforms, and the need to compensate victims of asbestos-related disease, after receiving testimony from Senators Baucus and Voinovich; David Austern, Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust, Fairfax, Virginia, Dennis Archer, American Bar Association, and Jonathan Hiatt, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), both of Washington, D.C.; Steven Kazan, Kazan, McClain, Edises, Abrams, Fernandez, Lyons, and Farrise, Oakland, California; Melvin McCandless, Williamston, North Carolina; and Brian Harvey, Vashon, Washington.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 30 public bills, H.R. 1079–1108; and 7 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 78; and H. Res. 123–125, 127–129 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 239, to facilitate the provision of assistance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the cleanup and economic redevelopment of brownfields (H. Rept. 108–22);

H.R. 878, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, amended (H. Rept. 108–23);

H.R. 361, to designate certain conduct by sports agents relating to the signing of contracts with stu-

dent athletes as unfair and deceptive acts or practices to be regulated by the Federal Trade Commission referred sequentially to the House Committee on the Judiciary for a period ending not later than June 1, 2003 for consideration of such provisions of the bill as fall within the jurisdiction of that committee pursuant to clause 1(k), rule X. (H. Rept. 108–24, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 126, providing for consideration of H.R. 878, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services and Foreign Service in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services (H. Rept. 108–25).

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, March 4 by yeas and nays vote of 373 yeas to 39 nays, Roll No. 43. Page H1523

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 123, electing Representative Ruppertsberger to the Committee on Armed Services to rank immediately after Representative Alexander. **Page H1523**

**Committee Resignation:** Without objection, the Chair accepted the resignation of Representative Ruppertsberger from the Committee on Armed Services. **Page H1524**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 124, electing Representative Ryan of Ohio (to rank immediately after Representative Alexander) to the Committee on Armed Services; Representative Bishop of New York (to rank immediately after Representative Ryan of Ohio) to the Committee on Education; Representative Sanders (to rank immediately after Representative Waters) to the Committee on Financial Services; Representatives Sanders (to rank immediately after Representative Kanjorski) and Cooper (to rank immediately after Delegate Norton) to the Committee on Government Reform; Representatives George Miller of California, Markey, Hinojosa, Rodriguez, Baca, and McCollum to the Committee on Resources; Representatives Cardoza (to rank immediately after Representative Matheson), Jackson-Lee of Texas (to rank immediately after Representative Davis of Tennessee), and Lofgren (to rank immediately after Representative Jackson-Lee of Texas) to the Committee on Science; and Representatives Faleomavaega (to rank immediately after Representative Ballance) and Linda T. Sanchez of California to the Committee on Small Business. **Page H1524**

**Suspension Failed—Social Security Protection Act:** The House failed to agree to the motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 743, amended, to amend the Social Security Act and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional safeguards for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income beneficiaries with representative payees, to enhance program protections (failed to agree by 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 249 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 44). **Pages H1524–50, H1601–02**

**Suspension Passed—Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1047, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws (agreed to by 2/3 yeas and nay vote of 415 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 45). **Pages H1550–91, H1602**

**Commending Members of the Armed Forces and Their Families:** The House passed H.J. Res. 27, recognizing and commending the continuing dedication, selfless service, and commitment of members of

the Armed Forces and their families during the Global War on Terrorism and in defense of the United States by yeas and nay vote of 426 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 46. **Pages H1591–H1601, H1602–03**

The joint resolution was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of Tuesday, March 4. **Page H1601**

**Presidential Message—Payments to Cuba:** Message wherein he transmitted a semiannual report detailing payments made to Cuba by United States persons as a result of the provision of telecommunications services pursuant to Department of the Treasury specific licenses—referred to the Committee on International Relations. **Page H1603**

**Committee on Homeland Security:** The Chair announced the correction of the Speaker's appointment of the following member of the House to the Select Committee on Homeland Security: Representative Shays to rank after Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania. **Page H1603**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 9:55 p.m. **Page H1635**

**Senate Message:** Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1519.

**Referrals:** S. 117 was referred to the Committee on Agriculture, S. 144, was referred to the Committees on Resources and Agriculture, S. 111, S. 210, S. 214, S.233, and S. 254 were referred to the Committee on Resources.. **Page H1635**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yeas and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1523, H1601–02, H1602, H1602–03. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: J.B. Penn, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; James R. Little, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; A. Ellen Terpstra, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service; and Ross J. Davidson, Jr., Administrator, Risk Management Agency.